

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:	)	<b>CONFIRMATION NO.: 3543</b>
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<b>Hiroki OHNO, et al.</b>	)	
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For: SUBSTRATE CLEANING METHOD, SUBSTRATE CLEANING EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND PROGRAM RECORDING MEDIUM		

**STATUS INQUIRY**

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Sir:

Applicants ask to be informed of the status of this patent application. Applicants are unaware of any action on the merits in this case by the U.S. Patent Office since the filing date of September 27, 2006. Attached is a copy of the USPTO date-stamped postcard filing acknowledgment for the above referenced application.

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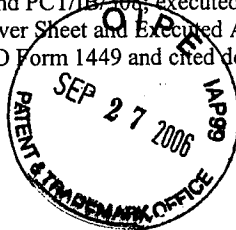
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**List of attached documents:**

Transmittal Letter to the US Designated/Elected Office for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 371;  
English language translation of application (46 pages); 7 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-7I);  
Cover page of PCT Publication No. WO 2005/104200 with International Search Report  
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